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Fear Dulles End A Matter of Days

WASHINGTON, May 16 (UPI).—Friends of John Foster Dulles expressed fears today that he may lose his battle with cancer in a matter of days.

These friends said his strength was slowing ebbing. They said he was growing weaker daily in his suite at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Reliable sources gave this information following an announcement yesterday by the State Department that there had been "some further decline" in the condition of the former Secretary of State.

State Department press officer Lincoln White said the pneumonia attack that Dulles suffered last week had not completely cleared up.

The 71-year-old former cabinet member has been confined to his bed for a week. Members of his family were called to Washington last Saturday

when the case of pneumonia was diagnosed.

Doctors reported at first that he was responding satisfactorily to the treatment for the pneumonia. But more recent medical bulletins have reported a decline in his general condition.

The call to his family brought back his two sons, Rev. Avery Dulles, S. J., who was studying at the Vatican, and John Watson Dulles, a mining engineer who was working in Mexico.

Other members of the Dulles family who already were on hand were the statesman's wife, Janet; his brother, Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen W. Dulles; and a daughter, Mrs. Robert H. Shaw of New York City.

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meeting, either of which would require a prodigious amount of preparation and an enormous expenditure of energy.

Mr. Dulles went to his office yesterday morning running a fever but feeling that Mr. Mikoyan merely wanted to pay a courtesy call. Instead the First Soviet Deputy Prime Minister stayed for ninety-five minutes and, by taking up a flexible and even friendly attitude, indicated that he wanted to get down to such basic world questions as the future of Berlin, the security of Europe, the questions of disarmament and surprise attack, and world trade.

Works Even While Ill

In the middle of the session Assistant Secretary Merchant had to run off to Ottawa, but Mr. Dulles, who had earlier endured a long briefing session with the Congressional leaders at the White House, had to sit it out, and then go home to bed. Even then he was on the phone reporting to the White House on his talks with the Soviet visitor, and today he was working on official papers, in bed.

Fortunately, Mr. Dulles himself knows better than anybody else how much the formulation and direction of foreign policy depends on him, and how much his system at the State Department depends on his constant personal attention.

Whether he will delegate some of his work-load to others, however, remains to be seen. When he was appointed Secretary of State in 1952, he was fond of musing out loud about the best way to conduct foreign policy under the Presidential system, and in those far-off days, he used to say that perhaps the best way was to have him move into the White House and concentrate on being the President's foreign policy adviser, free of the administration of the State Department and of constant appearances on Capitol Hill.

He did not put this theory to the test, however, and it is unlikely now that he would willingly leave the chief Cabinet post unless the President insisted, which the President is not likely to do.

Further Decline Is Reported In Dulles Condition

Washington, May 15 (AP)—The condition of John Foster Dulles, former Secretary of State, has worsened, the State Department said today.

Dulles, suffering from cancer, developed last weekend what was described as a mild case of pneumonia.

The State Department press officer, Lincoln White, reported late today:

"Mr. Dulles's pneumonia has not completely resolved. There has been some further decline in his general condition."

The 71-year-old former Cabinet officer is in Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Mrs. Dulles has been a daily visitor at the hospital, and spends each evening with her husband. Most of the members of the Dulles's are in the city, including his three children, three sisters and his brother, Allen, who heads the Central Intelligence Agency.

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